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APD to commission 38 new officers

The Austin Police Department's 114th Cadet Class will be commissioned as the city's newest officers at a graduation ceremony 7 p.m. Friday June 20, 2008, at the Great Hills Baptist Church, 10500 Jollyville Road.

Police Chief Art Acevedo will commission the 38 cadets who have completed a 32-week training program. As part of the ceremony, Acevedo will administer the formal oath of office and pinning of the APD badge.

The intensive program reflects more than 1,200 training hours with the academy curriculum more than doubling the hours required by the state's licensing agency. Cadets have received training in legal issues, driving, crisis intervention, community policing, leadership, defensive tactics and physical fitness.

The Distinguished Speaker for the ceremony will be Judge Elisabeth Earle. Judge Earle began her legal career as a prosecutor with the Travis County Attorney's Office where she focused her attention on prosecuting domestic violence cases. In 2002, Judge Earle successfully won election for County Court at Law Judge and was re-elected in 2006.

The ceremony will also feature the APD Honor Guard and Pipe and Drum Corps and a presentation of the Lt. Ernie Hinkle Humanitarian Award and Honor Cadet Award.

Prior to the evening's event, cadets will participate in their last uniform inspection at 6 p.m. at Great Hills Baptist Church.

Media Advisory: APD administration, staff and cadets will be available for interviews at the ceremony.

